

REMARKS

The courtesy of Examiners Fonseca and Canfield in granting an interview to the applicant's attorney is gratefully acknowledged. At the interview, it was agreed that defining the spacing in the horizontal direction between the flange 222 of the sash lateral members and the frame lateral members would overcome the rejection to Leue et al. and that defining a drainage exit would overcome the rejection to Endo et al.

By the present Amendment, claim 10 has been amended to recite that the flange of the second drainage groove in the lateral frame members of the sash is spaced horizontally from the inner surface of the window frame. This can be seen in Fig. 4, where the flange 222 of the sash lateral frame member is spaced horizontally from the window lateral frame member 120. In addition, claim 10 has been amended to recite a horizontally-extending bottom frame member, in order to provide clear antecedent basis in the claim for the horizontal direction. Furthermore, the specification has been amended to describe the flange 222 of the sash frame being spaced horizontally from the inner surface of the window frame.

Also by the present Amendment, claim 10 has been amended to recite that the complex drainage channel for the window sash has a drainage exit. Page 14, lines 22-29 of the specification describe drainage grooves 232 (Fig. 3) of the sash bottom frame member 230 through which water is finally discharged to the flashing member.

Claims 16 and 17 have been rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of claim 10 as it stood before the present Amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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